

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1. (Original) A dust collection unit suitable for use with a hand held drilling and/or hammering tool, comprising:

a shroud (34) adapted to extend around a tool or bit (24) of such a hammering and/or drilling tool so as to collect dust in an airflow passing through the dust extraction unit which dust is generated by such a tool or bit; and

a tube like extension sleeve (28) which extends forwardly from the shroud, with respect to such a tool or bit; and

characterised in that a slideable sleeve (54) is slideably mounted on the extension sleeve so as to move between a retracted position in which the forward rim of the extension sleeve is engageable with a surface to be worked and an extended position in which a forward rim of the slideable sleeve is engageable with a surface to be worked and the forward ends of the extension sleeve and the slideable sleeve are shaped differently from each other so as to fit against a different shape of work surface.

2. (Currently Amended) A dust collection unit according to claim 1 wherein ~~one~~ of the extension sleeve ~~or the slideable sleeve~~ is tapered at its forward end so as to have a forward rim which fits into a corner of a surface to be worked.

3. (Original) A dust collection unit according to claim 2 wherein the tapered forward rim is formed to have a pair of opposing V-shaped ridges (52).

4. (Currently Amended) A dust collection unit according to claim 2 or claim 3 wherein the ~~other of the extension sleeve or the~~ slideable sleeve has a forward rim which extends perpendicularly to the longitudinal axis of such a tool or bit so as to fit against a plane surface to be worked.

5. (Currently Amended) A dust collection unit according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 wherein the tube like extension sleeve and the slideable sleeve are formed as an adapter (22) which can be releasably fitted to the shroud.

6. (Currently Amended) A dust collection unit according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 wherein the sliding sleeve is slideably mounted around the extension sleeve.

7. (Currently Amended) A dust collection unit according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 wherein the sliding sleeve is biased into its extended position by a spring arrangement (62).

8. (Currently Amended) A dust collection unit according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 further comprising an extension arm (36) on which the shroud (32) can be mounted, a filter housing (41) which communicates with the shroud via the

extension arm and incorporates a filter, arranged such that the dust collecting airflow passes from the shroud, through the extension arm, into the filter housing and through the filter.

9. (Original) A dust collection unit according to claim 8 wherein the dust collection unit (40) includes a fan (51) for generating the dust collecting airflow.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) A shroud adapter suitable for fitment to a dust collecting shroud (34) of a dust collection unit (40) which dust collection unit is suitable for use with a hand held drilling and/or hammering tool, the shroud adapter comprising a tube like extension sleeve (28) which can be releaseably fitted to ~~such a~~ said shroud so as to extend forwardly from ~~such a~~ said shroud, characterised in that a slideable sleeve (54) is slideably mounted on the extension sleeve so as to move between a retracted position in which the forward rim of the extension sleeve is engageable with a surface to be worked and an extended position in which a forward rim of the slideable sleeve is engageable with a surface to be worked and the forward ends of the extension sleeve and the slideable sleeve are shaped differently from each other so as to fit against a different shape of work surface.

12. (Currently Amended) An adapter according to claim 11 wherein ~~one of the extension sleeve or the slideable sleeve~~ is tapered at its forward end so as to have a forward rim which fits into a corner of a surface to be worked.

13. (Original) An adapter according to claim 12 wherein the tapered forward rim is formed to have a pair of opposing V-shaped ridges (52).

14. (Currently Amended) An adapter according to any one of claim 12 or claim 13 wherein the ~~other of the extension sleeve or the slideable sleeve~~ has a forward rim which is shaped to fit against a plane surface to be worked.

15. (Currently Amended) An adapter according to ~~any one of claims~~ claim 11 ~~to 14~~ wherein the sliding sleeve is slideably mounted around the extension sleeve.

16. (Currently Amended) An adapter according to ~~any one of claims~~ claim 11 ~~to 15~~ wherein the sliding sleeve is biased into its extended position by a spring arrangement (62).

17. Cancelled

18. (Original) A shroud for a dust collection unit (40), which dust collection unit is suitable for use with a hand held drilling and/or hammering tool, which shroud can be releasably fitted to such a dust extraction unit so as to extend around a tool or bit (24) of

such a hammering and/or drilling tool so as to collect dust in an airflow passing through the shroud which dust is generated by such a tool or bit, the shroud additionally comprising a forwardly extending tube like extension sleeve (28), characterised in that a slideable sleeve (54) is slideably mounted on the extension sleeve so as to move between a retracted position in which the forward rim of the extension sleeve is engageable with a surface to be worked and an extended position in which a forward rim of the slideable sleeve is engageable with a surface to be worked and the forward ends of the extension sleeve and the slideable sleeve are shaped differently from each other so as to fit against a different shape of work surface.

19. (Currently Amended) A shroud according to claim 18 wherein ~~one of the extension sleeve or the slideable sleeve~~ is tapered at its forward end so as to have a forward rim which fits into a corner of a surface to be worked.

20. (Currently Amended) A shroud according to claim 19 wherein the tapered forward rim is formed to have a pair of opposing V-shaped ridges (52).

21. (Currently Amended) A shroud unit according to claim 19 or 20 wherein the ~~other of the extension sleeve or the slideable sleeve~~ has a forward rim which extends perpendicularly to the longitudinal axis of such a tool or bit so as to fit against a plane surface to be worked.

22. (Currently Amended) A shroud accordingly to ~~any one of claims~~ claim 18 ~~to 21~~ wherein the sliding sleeve is slideably mounted around the extension sleeve.

23. (Currently Amended) A shroud according to ~~any one of claims~~ claim 18 ~~to 22~~ wherein the sliding sleeve is biased into its extended position by a spring arrangement (62).

24. Cancelled.